

Study Guide

Chapter 1



Perception: A Passionate Mom must perceive what is happening in her child's world.

1. Would you characterize yourself as a perceptive person in general? In other words, do you think you can “read” people pretty well? Or is this an area where you struggle?
2. Susan writes about the three keys to perceptive parenting: alertness, availability, and attentiveness. Which is the most important, in your opinion?
3. Our perception is used to enable both offensive (nurturing and developing the good) and defensive (keeping out the bad) parenting. Which is most natural for you as a mom? Which is harder? Why?
4. Do you have a “Mom Mafia” to help you stay alert where your kids are concerned? Who might you consider to form a group of trusted moms with? Have you ever played the informant for another mom?